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In re Application of
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Application No. 09/997,378

Filed: Nov 30, 2001

Atty Docket: 026-024

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
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This decision is in response to applicants' "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER TO 37 CFR § 1.705(b)" timely¹ filed on June 28, 2007 requesting that the Office adjust the PTA from zero (0) days to a determination of three hundred and thirty-eight (338) at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance.

Applicants' application for PTA is **GRANTED**. The Office will make an adjustment to the PTA determination from a determination of zero days to a determination of 338 days.

Applicants request that the Office erred in asserting that the response to the restriction requirement was not received in the Office until November 15, 2004. Applicants assert that the actual response date to the restriction requirement occurred on September 3, 2003. Accordingly, applicants assert that the three hundred and sixty-nine day reduction by the USPTO is in error. Therefore, applicants assert that the total amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 338 days ($460 + 194 - 136 - 180 = 338$).

Applicants arguments are persuasive to the extent herein determined. A review of the records reveal that Applicant did in fact respond to the restriction requirement within three months. Applicants have copy of the fax transmittal receipt indicating that the response to the election/restriction response was received in the Office on September 3, 2003. Accordingly, the 369-day delay by applicant is in error in that the Office entered November 5, 2004 as the reply date rather than the actual date of September 3, 2003. Accordingly, the Office delayed 194 days under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1) and 460 days under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2). Applicant delayed 180 days under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) and 136 days under 37 CFR 1.704(b). The correct amount of PTA is 338 days as asserted by applicant.

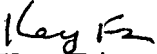
After the mailing of this decision, the Office will forward this application to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the application. Any delays pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) or 1.702(b) or reductions under 37 CFR 1.704(b) or 1.704(c)(10) will be included in the issue notification letter determination that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to the issue date.

¹Issue fee paid on 6/28/2007.

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The Office has assessed the \$200.00 fee associated with this application. No additional fees are required by applicant.

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to Kery A. Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7757.


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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/997378

Application Filing Date:	11/30/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	654
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	685
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	338
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